(c) in what manner Government propose to finance these projects in the backdrop of dwindling budgetory support; and

(d) whether Government would curtail provisions available for other schemes to finance these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Project Unigauge has been taken up under which 11,000 kms of MG/NG lines have been identified for conversion, of this 6,000 kms are planned for conversion during 92-93.

(c) These projects will be financed out of our available resources.

(d) No, Sir.

Railway Accidents

2528. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Railway accidents that took place during the period January 1992 to September, 1992;

(b) how many of these involved in goods trains and passenger trains;

(c) the number of passenger killed and injured and the damage to railway property because of these accidents;

(d) the number of accidents due to derailments;

(e) the steps taken to minimise derailment; and

(f) how do the figures compare with the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (f)

S. No.	Period (Jan. to Sept.)	No. of accidents			Accidents due to derailments	No. of casualties		Cost of damage to Railway Property (in lacs of Rs.)
		Pass. trains	Goods trains	Total		Killed	Injured	
1.	1992	169	244	413	333	82	291	2781.18
2.	1991	129	273	402	343	44	314	2397.90
3.	1990	131	281	412	345	154	439	2624.22
4.	1989	136	300	436	375	97	534	1146.71

Steps taken to minimise derailments

Some of the steps taken to minimise derailments are :—

(i) Continuing emphasis on renewal and rehabilitation of overaged assets, particularly track, bridges and rolling stock.

(ii) Improvement in quality of outturn from the workshops.

(iii) Intensive inspections of telecom gears maintenance depots of coaches, wagons and locomotives.

(iv) Intensive monitoring of the working of sensitive categories of staff such as drivers and station masters.

Awarding of contract for the Supply of Three Phase Electric Locomotives

2529. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the A.B.B. (Asia Brown Boveri) have deried having given the alleged kickbacks in awarding of contract for the supply of 30 AC three phase 6,000 HP Electric Locomotive by the Indian Railways as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 20th October, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating whether transfer of complete technology to India involved in this deal,